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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: MALI DROUGHT ASSISTANCE - CONTINGENCY PLANNING

REF: A. STATE 070797, B. STATE 079405; C. CINCRED AFTEN  
ACTION REPORT JTF OPERATION AUTHENTIC ASSISTANCE  
DTD 28 FEB 1974

1. REF A. ANSWERED BY BAMAKO 993.

2. RE PARA 2-B REF B, 1973 US AIRLIFT TRANSPORTED  
APPROXIMATELY 1,500 MT A MONTH. ASSUMING VI REGION  
GRAIN SHORTFALL OF 6,000 MT PER BAMAKO 1033, PROBABLE  
AIRLIFT DURATION WILL BE FOUR MONTHS. OUR BEST ESTIMATE  
IS THAT FOOD RESERVES IN VI REGION WILL BEGIN RUNNING OUT  
EARLY JUNE. ASSUMING 30 DAY LEAD TIME NEEDED FOR  
AIRLIFT, PREPARATIONS MUST BEGIN NOW.

3. PARA 2-C REF B ANSWERED BY BAMAKO 1008 AND 1033.

4. RE PARA 2-D REF B, WITH EXCEPTION OF NEW BAMAKO  
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AIRPORT AT SENOU, REF C CONTAINS ALL NECESSARY DATA ON

AIRFIELDS AND DISTANCES WHICH CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT U.S. AIRLIFT EFFORT. GOM PLANNING TO PUT SENOU AIRPORT IN OPERATION SOMETIME IN JUNE. THEREFORE CAN ASSUME IT WILL BE USED AS THE BAMAKO STAGING BASE. FOLLOWING INFO APPLIES TO SENOU:

- A) ELEVATION: APPROXIMATELY 1,260 FEET
- B) RUNWAY LENGTH: 2,700 METERS
- C) RUNWAY WIDTH: 45 METERS
- D) ASPHALT; NO WEIGHT LIMITATION
- E. AIDS TO NAVIGATION: VOR, ILS, PAR (CATEGORY II CAPABILITY)
- F) REFUELING: UNDERGROUND SINGLE POINT PRESSURE REFUELING
- G) COST OF FUEL: 7,517 MF PER 100 LITERS TAX FREE
- H) AIRFIELD IS LOCATED 13 KMS. SE OF NIGER RIVER BRIDGE, BAMAKO
- I) INFO RE LIGHTING, PARKING RAMP, AND EXACT ELEVATION FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
- J) ASSUME BILLETING FACILITIES SAME AS DURING LAST YEAR'S AIRLIFT. MESS FACILITIES MUST BE WORKED OUT SINCE EMBASSY APARTMENT USED FOR THIS PURPOSE LAST YEAR IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

5. RE PARA 2-E REF B, GOM HAS INDICATED STRONG PREFERENCE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE SINCE IT HAS PROVIDED EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY ASSISTANCE IN PAST. ALSO GOM WARY OF PRIVATE TRANSPORT SOLUTION SINCE GOM FEELS COMMERCIAL COMPANIES HAVE PROVED UNRELIABLE IN PAST.

6. PARA 2-F REF B ANSWERED BY BAMAKO 977 AND 1021.  
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